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SUBJ: PREPARATORY MEETING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, MAY 10-14, ROME: AGENDA ITEM 2-
ADOPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

REF: STATE 106891

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED POINTS PARA 2 REF WITH DR. JULIO CESAR
GIL, ASSISTANT TO THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. GIL WAS VENEZUELA'S DELEGATE TO THE FIRST
WFC SESSION.

2. GIL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE DISAGREEMENT OVER RULES OF
PROCEDURE HAD UNFORTUNATELY TAKEN TOO MUCH TIME AT THE FIRST
WFC MEETING. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE MAY 10-14 PREPARATORY
MEETING NOR OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON
RULES OF PROCEDURE. THE GOV, HE SAID, USUALLY GOES ALONG WITH
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THE MAJORITY ON QUESTIONS OF THIS TYPE, BUT HE AGREED THAT THE

ISSUE IN THIS CASE WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO TAKE THE TIME OF THE WFC. HE NOTED THAT MEXICO, PAKISTAN, AND YUGOSLAVIA SUPPORTED THE WG RESULTS AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS ISSUE, IF RAISED AT ALL, SHOULD BE SETTLED IN THE G-77 CAUCUS THAT WOULD PRECEDE THE SECOND WFC MEETING.

3. GIL SAID THAT HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE WFC MEETING AND SPECULATED THAT VENEZUELA MAY BE REPRESENTED BY VENEZUELAN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES IN ROME. HIS DUTIES AS GOV REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY PRECLUDE HIS PRESENCE IN ROME.

4. COMMENT- GOV INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE IS VIRTUALLY NIL. THE GOV REP AT THE WFC MEETING WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GO ALONG WITH THE G-77 CONSENSUS, AS GIL INDICATED. SINCE IT APPEARS VERY UNLIKELY THAT GIL WILL ATTEND THE SECOND WFC MEETING OR THAT THE GOV DEL WILL BE INSTRUCTED ON THIS ISSUE, USG EFFORTS WOULD BE BETTER CONCENTRATED ON THE MEXICANS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LDC LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE WG. END COMMENT. SHLAUDEMAM

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